

WELL
THEN...
LOOKS LIKE
I'VE DONE
MY PART...



THE
REST...

IS UP
TO YOU...





TO GET
OUT
OF MY
SIGHT

ARTIFACT
EQUIP -
BLEAK
NIGHT
BLACK ICE



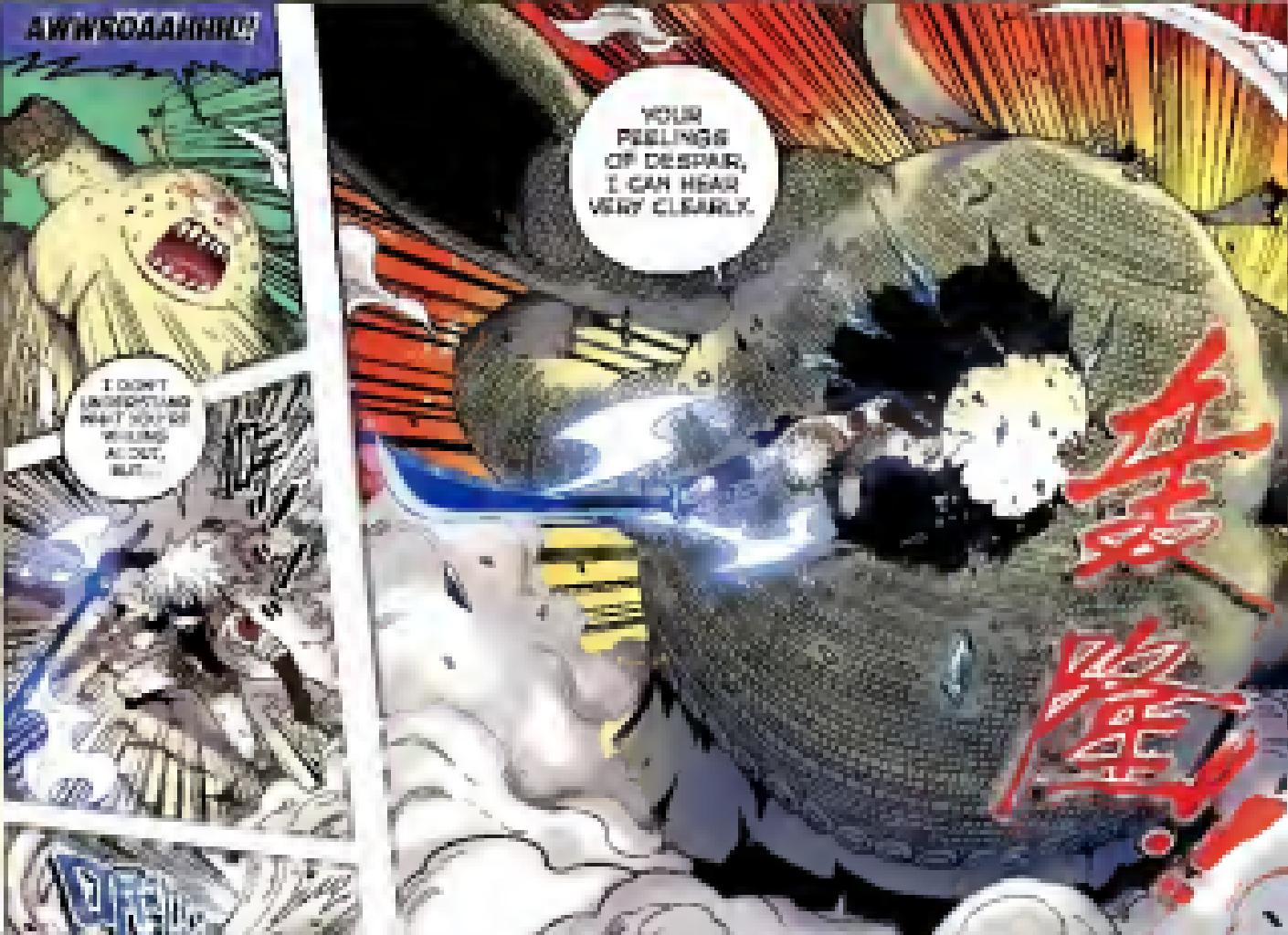
TIME'S UP.

WHY DO YOU
REFUSE TO RUN
EVEN WHEN
OVERCOME WITH
FEAR?

WELL, I'LL PONDER THAT AFTER KILLING YOU.

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OW
WW
HH!
!







THE GOLDEN
SUBSTANCE IN
EXISTENCE



GOD'S ORB:
ICE OF CALAMITY
POLARIS GORE!

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OZ! OZ! OZ!

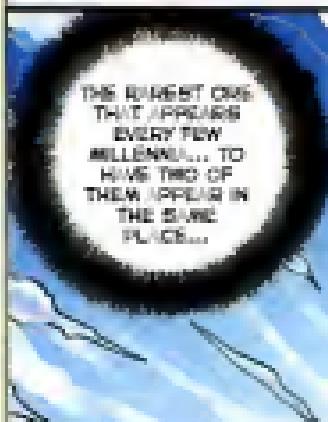


...HMM...



THE RAREST ONE
THAT APPEARS
EVERY FEW
MILLENNIA... TO
HAVE TWO OF
THEM APPEAR IN
THE SAME
PLACE...

OZ! OZ! OZ!!



WHAT
EXACTLY
DOES THIS
ENTAIL?



PUTTING THAT ASIDE,
IT LOOKS
LIKE THE
DANGER'S
OVER.

GUESS
I'LL GO
BACK
FOR
NYA.



JUST WHAT'S UP WITH THIS GUY? HOW DID HE DRAW OVER THOSE BEAST KING?

PLUS, IT'S BEEN THIS LONG BUT HE STILL HASN'T ASCENDED...



HE REALLY IS INTRIGUING.





KYAAH
HHH?!

DE... DE... DE...

DE... A
DEMONIC
BEAST!!

???



OVER
THERE
TOO....

W - !

DID YOU
KILL
THEM
ALL?

DON'T
TELL ME,
YOU WERE
PROTECTING
ME?

THAT'S
YOUR FRIEND
OVER THERE,
RIGHT?

HM?







LOOKS LIKE YOU TOOK CARE OF THOSE TWO BEAST KINGS AFTER ALL.

AS EXPECTED OF MR. VERDANT'S FAMOUS DAD LINS.

WHAT? TWO BEAST KINGS?

YOU REALLY ARE AMAZING!

IT'S NOTHING MUCH. I'M PRETTY BEATEN UP AS WELL.

THANK YOU SO MUCH, GUYS!

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BACK ON TOPIC, DID YOU SUCCEED?

WHY DOESN'T YOUR AURA FEEL THAT DIFFERENT?

OH YEAH! I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT IT!

JUST WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON? I KNOW I BROKE THROUGH THAT WALL,

BUT I STILL CAN'T FULLY CROSS OVER TO THE NEXT REALM!

IN THE END, I COULD ONLY TAKE ONE STEP IN!

?!?

TOH,
LIKE I SAID,
HOW CAN
ASCENSION
BE SO EASY?

EVEN IF YOU
ONLY PARTIALLY
ENTERED THE
ALA.R., YOUR
RATE OF
PROGRESS
HAS BEEN
PERMISSIBLY
FAST.

BUT I ALREADY
FULFILLED
ALL THE
CONDITIONS!
WHY? WHY?!

WTF!



I JUST
REMEMBERED
SOMETHING I
READ ONCE
IN AN ANCIENT
TEXT.

I FORGOT
UNTIL JUST
NOW BECAUSE
THIS SORT OF
THING ALMOST
NEVER
HAPPENS.

WHAT
SORT?

ACCORDING TO
THE TEXT, WHEN
ASCENDING TO A
MAJOR REALM, AT
LEAST EIGHTY-ONE
DAYS NEED TO HAVE
PASSED SINCE
THE PREVIOUS
BREAKTHROUGH.
THIS IS AN
UNBREAKABLE RULE
IMPOSED BY THE
HEAVENLY LAW.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
INNATE TALENT
OR AMAZING
CIRCUMSTANCES
YOU HAVE,
ALL LIVING
CREATURES
MUST OBEY
THIS RULE.

AND TEN DAYS
AGO, YOU USED
THE MANA STONE
TO ADVANCE
INTO THE FINAL
OUR. STAGE...

AGAIN WITH
THE HEAVENLY
LAW! WHY
CAN'T IT GET
OUTTA MY
LIFE?!



THIS IS
KNOWN AS
THE
"HEAVENLY
RESTRICTION"

THIS GUY, HE
WAS ONLY
OUR. STAGE
FIGHT WHEN
WE WERE IN
THE RELICS
OF THE
DEAD.

HE
REALLY IS
ADVANCING
IS
STUPIDLY
FAST!



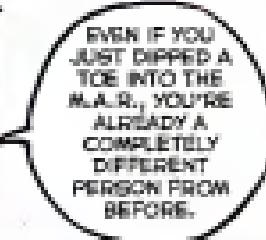
IT'S NOTHING TO CRY ABOUT.
AFTER THIS PERIOD PASSES,
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASCEND WITH EASE.

THIS AMOUNT OF TIME IS NOTHING COMPARED TO THE LONG ROAD OF MARTIAL ARTS.

EVEN IF YOU JUST DIPPED A TOE INTO THE M.A.R., YOU'RE ALREADY A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON FROM BEFORE.

IS THAT SO... GUESS THERE'S NOT MUCH I CAN DO THEN.

I GUESS I'LL WAIT.



ALRIGHT, ENOUGH SMALL TALK.
HAND OVER MY HALF OF THE LOOT FROM THE RELICS

EH? DON'T TELL ME THAT'S THE ONLY REASON YOU CAME TO FIND ME?

WELL, I NEED TO SOLIDIFY MY OWN PROGRESS AS WELL.

WAIT A SECOND! HOW DID YOU FIND ME ANYWAY?

REMEMBER THE JADE FEATHER I GAVE YOU BACK IN THE RELICS?

OH RIGHT! THE TRACKING ITEM!



APART FROM THE SOUL STONES, THERE'S SOME NEWS I CAME TO TELL YOU.

YOU GUYS WERE ISOLATED THESE LAST TEN DAYS, SO YOU PROBABLY HAVEN'T HEARD ABOUT THIS YET, BUT SOMETHING HUGE IS HAPPENING!

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SOMETHING
HUGE?

WHAT
HAPPENED?

STARTING NINE
DAYS AGO, A
LARGE NUMBER
OF PEOPLE HAVE
BEEN KILLED
OFF IN DROVES.

WHAT??

AFTERWARDS,
A BUNCH OF
PEOPLE
STARTED
ESCAPING THE
FORGE. AND
NOW...

THE
NUMBER OF
PEOPLE
REMAINING
IN THE
FORGE

IS LESS
THAN A
TENTH
OF THE
ORIGINAL!

A NEW DANGER
WITHIN THE
FORGE!!

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MI
NIS

BOO

IMPERFECT SCANS

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